

# CITY OF DETROIT FISCAL 2004/05 BUDGET

## AGENCY 52 CITY COUNCIL

### MISSION

The mission of the City Council is to promote the economic, cultural and physical welfare of Detroit's citizens through Charter-mandated legislative functions.

### DESCRIPTION

The City Council is the City's legislative body. Among the functions performed by Council are: the enactment and amendment of laws (ordinances) governing the operation of the City; approval and monitoring of contracts involving City business; approval and monitoring of City Budget and amendments; approval of City appropriations for grant funds and amendments; approval of the sale or disposition of City property; approval of the settlement of civil litigation involving the City; receipt of complaints, petitions and reports affecting the operation of the City or the well being of its citizens; investigation and monitoring the affairs of the City, its administration and the conduct of City agencies; advocacy action on behalf of citizens; approval of the Master Plan and Five Year Capital Agenda; and appointments to certain Boards and Commissions.

To assist the City Council in its' tasks, the Council is assisted by the following staff: an Auditor General to advise both the Legislative and Executive branches on the City's fiscal operations and management; the Ombudsperson to investigate and seek to resolve complaints against City government; a Planning Commission to advise on matters pertaining to the social, physical and economic development of the City, and act as the Zoning Commission; a Research and Analysis Division to research, monitor, evaluate and advise on matters referred them by the Council, particularly legal matters; a Fiscal Analyst to advise the council on budgetary and financial matters; and an Historic Designation Advisory Board, which is the "study committee" required for City historic designation under the Michigan Local Historic Districts Act.

### GOALS

1. Exercise Legislative powers of the City.

### DEPARTMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	GENERAL <u>FUND</u>	BLOCK <u>GRANT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
EXPENDITURES	\$16,905,373	\$25,000	\$16,930,373
REVENUES	<u>2,175</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>27,175</u>
NET TAX COST	\$16,903,198	\$ 0	\$16,903,198
POSITIONS	108	0	108